

WE WILL BE OPEN THIS EVENING

Just think, only four more buying days and then Christmas; yet there are numbers of people who haven't had a moment to make their Christmas purchases—those who go to work at 7 in the morning and work till 6 at night with only time enough at noon for a hurried meal. When are they to do their shopping? Some will no doubt say, "Don't you keep open on Saturday night?" Yes, but don't a great many of these same people work Saturday nights too. For that reason we will keep open every evening until Christmas. Our clerks see the logic of this reason and enter into hearty co-operation with us in this movement. To give our evening shoppers the advantage of values that through necessity they have missed in the past we are making extra specials each evening from the Toy Department.

\$7 Silk Petticoats Today \$4.69

\$5.00 Sweaters, \$2.50

In all colors and all styles; some Norfolk Jacket effect in contrasting colors; some with high neck and others with the V shaped neck. Regularly sold for \$5.00. Today \$2.50.

\$3.50 Sweaters, \$1.89

Norfolk Jackets; very neat; of closely knit wool; made for service that will be appreciated, chilly mornings. Regularly sold for \$3.50. Today's price \$1.89.

Can you imagine anything more acceptable than a silk petticoat? All colors with a deep ruffle and tucks finished with smaller ruffles. Now here is what you can do: Maybe your wife, mother or sister would like one of these petticoats as a Christmas gift. Just purchase an order and let them come down and pick it out. You will never regret it. And then just think you are taking advantage of our sale price—\$4.69. Petticoats that regularly sell for \$7.00.



Extra Specials For Tonight

An opportunity for the toiler to save on his Christmas purchase. Why should he not have the same advantages as those who can make their purchases at their own convenience?

Here's One for the Men



\$5.00 Smoking Jacket, \$3.50

In all colors with collars and cuffs of contrasting colors; in plaids and plain. Your choice today \$3.50. Our regular \$5.00 jacket.

Dollydom Contributes Two Specials

50c Dolls Tonight, 29c

Little French dolls beautifully dressed; sweet little ladies with golden hair and blue eyes; others with large black eyes and dark brown hair; very fascinating. Regularly sold at 50c. Tonight 29c.

25c Dolls Tonight, 19c

These are little beauties in real chiffon dresses, trimmed with blue and red embroidery; cunning little bonnets complete. A very artistic effect. Regularly sold for 25c. Tonight 19c.

Gottschalks

A MILLIONAIRE WITH NO FUNDS

Schlesinger Keeps Up the Pretense of Wealth.

Held to Answer Yesterday for Forging a Check for \$12.50.

Late yesterday afternoon, Leo Schlesinger, automobile and horse buyer, was held to the Superior court by Judge Briggs in the sum of \$1000, for forging the name of Herman Koplan to a check on the Farmers' bank in the sum of \$12.50, which was cashed by G. A. Turner, one of the proprietors of the Fresno Beer hall. Throughout the preliminary hearing, Schlesinger never moved in his chair, and from the blank look on his face, and his general appearance, it was hard to realize that he had worked the millionaire game so smoothly.

G. A. Turner identified the check for \$12.50 and testified that payment had been refused on it at the bank. O. O. Decker, the bartender at the saloon, identified Schlesinger as the one to whom he had paid the amount of the check, after he had shown it to Mr. Turner. Herman Koplan identified Schlesinger and testified that he had furnished him with a blank check on the Farmers' bank. He was shown the check that was cashed by Mr. Turner and identified it as the blank form which he had given to Schlesinger. Attorney Ingersoll was present at the hearing but took no part in the examination of the witnesses. Assistant District Attorney Harbour represented the prosecution.

Schlesinger still persists in stating that he has plenty of money. Yesterday afternoon he said he was not worrying for he had \$10,000 in one of the Chicago banks, \$1000 in another and \$75 in a Los Angeles bank. "Any of the banks in the East will honor my checks," declared Schlesinger. When questioned in regard to his negotiations to purchase horses in Stockton and automobiles in this city, he disclaimed all knowledge of the transactions, adding that he had never negotiated for anything he didn't intend to pay for, and if they would take his check or telegraph to his bank in Chicago he would be out of here in no time. En route to the jail he inquired the amount of his bond. When told that it was \$1000, he seemed greatly relieved, saying that the sum was too small to bother with.

NEWS NOTES OF VISALIA

Reception to Daughter of Man Who Set Out Bonnie Brae Orange Orchard.

VISALIA, December 19.—Mrs. W. W. Squire tendered a reception this afternoon to Mrs. J. A. Van Cleave of Bonnie Brae, from 3 until 5 o'clock. The parlors and reception rooms of the Squire residence had been tastefully decorated with holly berries, mistletoe and other plants and streamers suggestive of the Christmas-tide. Mrs. Van Cleave, who was formerly Miss Louise Merryman, of Marquette, Wisconsin, is a daughter of the late C. Merryman, prominent lumberman of Wisconsin, who set out the Bonnie Brae orange orchard near Exeter, the most famous in this part of California. She is also a sister of R. C. Merryman of Bonnie Brae. Mrs. Van Cleave is a charming young lady of brilliant parts and will be a prominent addition to local society circles. During the afternoon a splendid collation was served. The tables and the dining room were gay with Christmas finery. County Treasurer Henry Newman is engaged in collecting the special levee tax in the Visalia district, the proceeds of which will be expended in the cleaning out of the St. John river and the constructing of additional levees, much of which work has already been done. Miss Mary Louise Squire, Linn Bradley and Miss Addie Larkin arrived this morning from Stanford to spend the holidays with their parents in this city. C. H. Jasper, Southern Pacific agent, Mrs. Jasper and Miss Ethel Boyer expect to leave tomorrow for Fresno, San Francisco, Sissons, Edgewood and other points in Northern California. Returning, they will visit Mr. Jasper's old home at Orland, where his parents still reside.

Edgar H. Dorsey and Miss Minnie Kuestner, both of Porterville, were wedded this morning in the office of the county clerk, Justice J. S. Clark officiating. They will make their home in Porterville where they are both well known and have many friends. John Z. Kellwell and Jennie E. O'Neal, both of Sultana, were wedded this morning in the county clerk's office, Justice J. S. Clark performing the ceremony. The newly married couple left later for Sultana, where they will make their home.

JUDGE TAKES PITY ON MAN OF MISFORTUNES

J. M. Halstead, who was arrested sometime ago for shipping doves, was fined \$25 by Judge Smith yesterday afternoon. He has been very unfortunate lately, and the money which he had saved to contribute to the support of his father and himself, has just been exhausted. A week ago he accidentally inflicted an ugly gash in his right foot with a pickaxe, which will prevent him from working for some time. On account of these circumstances and for the reason that he had no knowledge of the law in regard to shipping doves, Judge Smith was lenient with him and will not enforce the payment of the fine until he has secured employment again.

SANTA ROSA RUNAWAYS MOBBED BY THE POLICE

Bernard Lester, aged 16 and Perry Walker, 18, runaways from Santa Rosa, were picked up by the police yesterday afternoon and lodged in the county jail to await orders from their parents. Ed Shaw sent letters to the boys' parents yesterday and expects some one here to take charge of them today. The boys stated that they were en route to Los Angeles, where they expected to secure employment.

Friends Squared Account.

W. P. Vane, arrested a few days ago on the charge of defrauding an employer, was released from jail yesterday. Some of the young men's friends came to his aid by paying the amount of the bond bill to Mr. Benson, the proprietor of the Fresno house, who preferred the charge. And the costs of the action in Judge Smith's court.

Commencing this evening, we will be open until 8 p. m.

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We Must Vacate This Store Very Shortly, Our Time to Dispose of This Immense Stock is Very Limited

The balance of our stock of Men's and Boys' Overcoats at your own figures

Womens' Shoes

We have a splendid stock of Women's Welts, just the Shoe for this weather. We are selling them at less than cost. You can save \$1.50 by buying your shoes of us. We guarantee perfect fit. We have well made shoes from A to D widths.

Winter Underwear

Either heavy weight wool or cotton. We still have a full assorted stock that we are positively selling at less than manufacturers' cost.

The Red Front

RETAIL MARKETS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Lemons—20c per dozen.
Grape Fruit—40c dozen.
Apples—30c 5c lb.
Navel Oranges—40c doz.
Bananas—25c 35c doz.
Potatoes—20c 2 1/2c.
Pineapples—40c 50c.
String Beans—15c lb.
Green Peas—10c per lb.
Hubbard Squash—10c lb.
Green Peppers—10c lb.
Tomatoes—30c 50c lb.
Radishes—2 bunches 5c.
Cabbage—24c per lb.
Horseradish—25c per lb.
Onions—2 1/2c per lb.
Turnips—2 1/2c per bunch.
Parsnips—10c per bunch.
Cauliflower—10c 15c head.
Lettuce—3 for 10c.
Carrots—24c per bunch.
Lima Beans—10c lb.
Cranberries—15c qt.
Sprouts—15c lb.

Chickens—Broilers, dressed, 35c 40c per lb.; alive, 30c per lb.
Chickens—Fryers, dressed, 40c per lb.; alive, 35c per lb.

Chickens—Dressed hen, 30c per lb.; alive hen, 20c 25c per lb.
Turkeys—Dressed, 18c per lb.; alive, 15c per lb.

GRAIN
Wheat—\$1.25 and \$1.45.
Barley—\$1.25 a ton.
Egyptian Corn—\$1.35 per 100; ton, \$25.00.
Corn—\$2.00.

WHEATSTUFFS
Fresno Flour—\$1.30 1 1/2c.
Kaweah Flour—\$1.35.
Al Flour—\$1.50.
Crown Flour—\$1.40.
Middlings—\$1.45.
Bran—95c per sack; \$25 per ton.
Wheat—\$2.25 per sack; \$27 and \$29 per ton.

Corn Meal—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Graham Meal—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Whole Wheat Flour—35c per 10-lb. sack.

Cracked Wheat—35c per 10-lb. sack.
Oat Meal—40c per 10-lb. sack.
Rye Meal—35c per 10-lb. sack.

BUTTER, EGGS AND HONEY.
Creamery—85c per roll.
Dairy—60c per roll.
Eggs—30c per dozen.
Combed honey—20c comb.

FRESH MEATS.
Beef Steak—10c 15c; roast 10c 15c.
Mutton—10c 15c per lb.
Lamb—12c 15c per pound.
Pork—12c 20c.
Veal—10c 20c.
Lard—15c per pound.

DRESSED STOCK
Steer—5 1/2c.
Veal—7 1/2c per pound.
Mutton—8 to 9c.

Radke & Company are not only one of the largest and best known San Francisco Jewelry and Silver houses but an institution of the West. Mail orders receive our best attention. Bush street and Van Ness avenue, San Francisco.

The Staff of Life.

Bread made from wheat flour, is called the staff of life because wheat is the only grain that contains all the food elements necessary to sustain life. A 1" flour is recognized as being the best of all wheat flours. Contains more nutrition and will make more loaves of bread per barrel than any other flour. Ask your grocer about "A 1" Flour.

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We are always glad to give information and particulars.

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A Kentucky Colonel says: "There's lickens and lickens, but some's better than others." He was thinking of our Tea Cut and Astor whiskeys when he spoke.

Good as any made.
We are O. K. on cooking sherry and brandy.
Choice old bottling Riesling, Sauterne, Zinfandel and Burgundy, sold by the gallon bottled.
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Beautiful set of teeth \$5.00
22 karat gold crown \$4.00
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Are in Fresno Co., reached by the Kings River S. and T. Co.'s train from Sanger. Take 6 p. m. train from Fresno, stages leave Sanger daily, Fare \$11, round trip, including trip to the Converse Basin saw mills, the most scenic trip in California; the gateway to the wonderful Kings River Canyon. R. M. GALLAGHER, MGR. P. O. Box 2, Sanger, Cal.

CALIFORNIA RACES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The feature at Emeryville today was the Fidelity handicap, which was won in a terrific drive by the crack 2-year-old Tony Faust. He ran a remarkable race, as at the half mile pole he was obliged to go around his stall, and then a ding-dong finish outgamed Dr. Leggo. The attendance was fair. Results: First race, one mile—Prestige, 105 (Hunter) even, won; Clandestine, 107 (McBride) 5 to 1, second; W. B. Gates, 107 (Sandy) 20 to 1, third. Time 1:44 3/5.

Second race, one mile and a furlong—Avonville, 102 (W. Miller) 1 to 2, won; Ben Volio, 109 (Brown) 6 to 1, second; Graphite, 108 (C. Miller) 11 to 1, third. Time 1:53 1/5.

Third race, five furlongs—Billy Magnum, 114 (Brown) 10 to 1, won; I'm No. 112 (Laque) 50 to 1, second; Judge, 112 (Davis) 15 to 1, third. Time 1:02 3/5.

Fourth race, mile and one sixteenth—Fidelity handicap, purse \$1000—Tony Faust, 105 (W. Miller) 7 to 5, won; Dr. Leggo, 114 (Knapp) even, second; Ramus, 98 (Kirchbaum) 20 to 1, third. Time 1:43.

Fifth race, seven and a half furlongs, selling Governor Davis, 110 (Sandy) 9 to 2, won; Neptune, 114 (Thurston) 8 to 5, second; Beechwood, 115 (Thurston) 9 to 5, third. Time 1:36 1/5.

Sixth race, Futurity course, 2-year-old—Sam Barber, 106 (Graham) 6 to 5, won; Convent Bell, 109 (Brown) 6 to 1, second; Fair Fagot, 112 (McIntyre) 4 to 1, third. Time 1:12.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—The bookies were hit pretty hard at Ascot today by Dr. Crooks winning in the first race. The third race was won by Lady Chiswell at the long odds of 20 to 1.

Weather clear, track fast. Summary: First race, five furlongs—Dr. Crooks, 100 (Lachlanch) 8 to 5, won; Star of Bismarck, 98 (Kernuth) 15 to 1, second; St. Albans, 105 (Howard) 7 to 1, third. Time 1:02.

Second race, mile and a sixteenth—Bryan, 105 (W. Riley) 7 to 10, won; Reservation, 111 (Ducker) 8 to 5, second; Freesia, 100 (Grand) 30 to 1, third. Time 1:48 1/4. Angelena fell at the start.

Third race, seven furlongs—Lady Chiswell, 104 (Fischer) 20 to 1, won; Avonville, 103 (Kunz) 8 to 1, second; Vandell, 104 (Willis) 60 to 1, third. Time 1:39 1/2.

Fourth race, one mile—Prince Magnet, 119 (McDaniel) 9 to 5, won; Vionio, 102 (Keogh) 15 to 1, second; Mountbank, 107 (Hutwell) 25 to 1, third. Time 1:42.

Fifth race, Futurity course, selling Lord Stanhope, 100 (Finn) 3 to 5, won; Ed Caesar, 107 (Berry) 8 to 1, second; E. T. Frye, 97 (C. Riley) 8 to 1, third. Time 1:13 1/2.

Sixth race, five furlongs—J. A. Murray, 114 (Keogh) 7 to 10, won; Lord Gladiolus, 109 (Finn) 15 to 1, second; Retty, 109 (B. Riley) 5 to 1, third. Time 1:04.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—The police today discovered the headquarters of a militant society of the social democratic party and arrested more than 100 members of the organization.

Only 7000.

14k fountain pen, regular \$3.00, size at Baker & Colson's.

Graff's Sale of a Drummer's Sample Line of Fancy Chinaware Was Enthusiastically Received

Coming as it does at this time of the year and especially when gifts of crockery are so sought-for and appreciated, it's a sale that would naturally be of interest to all Christmas shoppers.

With this friend and that friend to buy a gift for, an opportunity to buy useful presents at absolutely cost is well worth taking advantage of.

The entire lot consists of 21000 pieces of

Fancy Imported Bohemian Ware, Cups and Saucers, Salad Bowls, Chop Dishes, Cake Platters, Wine Sets, Chocolate Sets, Sugars and Creamers, Cracker Jars, Mugs, Vases, Bon Bons, Water Sets.

Hundreds of pieces found new owners yesterday, but the selections are still good for early Christmas buyers today.

California Dried Fruits For Gifts

If you have some friend who lives far distant from here in another city or in the East, remember them this year with a box of fine layer Raisins or some Calimyrna figs. They will prove most enjoyable presents and will be greatly appreciated.

Buy them here where a large assortment of different sized boxes await your choosing.

Suggestions For Useful Christmas Gifts

Buying presents is an easy task when you visit this store. Hundreds of useful articles present themselves on all sides. For instance in the Hardware Department:

Five O'clock Tea Sets
Razors
Guns
Stoves and Ranges
Bath Room Fixtures
Carving Sets

Table Cutlery
Chaffing Dishes
Bissel Carpet Sweepers
Pocket Knives
Corner J and Tulare Streets.
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Auto Strop Safety Razor

A nice Xmas present is the combination in a small, neat, strong and durable structure of a wonderful automatic stropping device in a safety razor. The blade is not to be removed for stropping, cleaning or for any other purpose until it is to be discarded for a new blade; gives a safe, cool, smooth, close or medium shave at will, because the blade is always in a sharp, perfect condition.

SPORTING GOODS DEPARTMENT

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THE PALACE
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This is a new store and in order to introduce our goods we sell below cost.

We have a nice line of Swiss Embroidered Shirt Waist Patterns, Swiss Silk Shawls, Table Covers, Pillow Tops, Tapestries, etc., and a nice line of jewelry. Here is some of our prices:

Embroidered Shirt Waist Patterns, worth \$2.50, now **\$1.25**
Embroidered Shirt Waist Pattern, worth \$3.50, now **\$1.50**
Extra large Silk Shawl, worth \$4.50, now **\$2.50**
Extra large Silk Shawl, worth \$3.75, now **\$2.25**
Large size Shawl, worth \$2.75, now **\$1.75**
Small Shawl, worth \$1.05, now **\$1.15**

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SWITCHES.
Mrs. A. W. McKittick, manufacturer of human hair goods, switches, pampadours, curls, puffs, etc. Have your combings made up. Dyeing, bleaching, wigs for rent. Prompt attention to mail orders. 1352 I ST. Main 2364.

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PRICES CURRENT

CHICAGO: Sentiment in the wheat pit was bullish all day and the volume of trading small. There was a good demand for cash wheat at Minneapolis. The market closed weak with prices close to the lowest point. May opened unchanged at 78½¢, sold between 78½¢ and 78½¢ and closed 78½¢ off at 78½¢.

With the exception of a mild flurry in the December option, due to covering by shorts, the corn market was steady and dull. May closed off ¼¢ at 43½¢.

Trading in the oats pit was fairly active. May closed a shade off at 30½¢.

LIVERPOOL: Close: Wheat—March, 6s 3¼d; May, 6s 4¼d.

SAN FRANCISCO: Wheat, unchanged. May, \$1.30½; cash, \$1.30. Barley, steady. May, \$1.25; cash, \$1.12½. Corn, quiet; large yellow, \$1.35¢.

NEW YORK: The market for evaporated apples is steady on spot, particularly for the higher grades, which are not plentiful and show no improvement. Fancy apples are quoted at 9½¢ choice at 8½¢ and prime at 8¼¢.

Prunes continue in fair demand, particularly for the larger sizes, with quotations for California fruit ranging from 3 to 3¢, according to size.

Apples unchanged, with choice quoted at 16, extra choice 17¢ (18), fancy, 19¢ (20).
Peaches are steady, with new crop choice quoted at 12¢; extra choice at 12½¢, and fancy at 13½¢.
Raisins are juggling well with loose Muscatel quoted at 7½¢ (8½¢); seeded raisins at 7½¢ (10¢); London layers at \$1.45¢ (\$1.55).

Lords Killed Education Bill.
LONDON, Dec. 19.—The educational bill received its death blow in the house of lords today. The count was 205 for the bill and 252 against it. The count was 205 for the bill and 252 against it. The count was 205 for the bill and 252 against it.

WILL TAKE THREE DAYS

To Put In Evidence in Zibbell Damage Case.

Mrs. Evans Wants to Sell Place, But Husband Won't Let Her.

It took until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to secure a jury for the trial of the damage suit of Willard B. Zibbell against the Southern Pacific Railroad company, which began yesterday morning before Judge Church in department two of the Superior court. About thirty veniremen were examined altogether, the right of arbitrary challenge being freely employed by both sides, until they were satisfied.

The plaintiff's case is being conducted by Attorney Theo. J. Roche of San Francisco, a young man, but already at the head of his profession in the trial of damage cases. The case associated with him Messrs. Everts & Ewing of this city, while the defense is looked after by Attorney L. L. Cory of this city, who is assisted by Detective O. J. Abade and other members of the railroad's claims department. Mrs. Zibbell, the young woman whom the plaintiff married subsequently to his accident, and who has been all to him in his helpless condition, is with her husband in the court room during the progress of the case.

The questioning of the veniremen was made to bring out any possible favor for or against the railroad, whether the man questioned had ever been in the employ of the road, or had such extensive business dealings with the road that he would be afraid to give a verdict against the company, or whether, on the other hand, the man had any violent prejudice against the road, such as would prevent his arriving at an impartial verdict for the company. One man admitted that he had lost money through the disallowance of claims. He said that he had forgiven the road, but would see to it that it would never happen again, which caused a laugh. One venireman held it up against the company that it would not sell Eastern tickets to Selma, his home town. In general, the answers brought out were not such as to disqualify the jurors, but were useful in determining peremptory challenges. A number of men were let go because they were not on the assessment roll.

The jury, as finally impaneled, was as follows: A. Cunningham, J. B. Day, S. L. Morgan, W. O. Ingram, Edward Aspinwall, O. H. Clappell, A. K. Johnston, J. R. Burnett, Obit Johnson, J. M. Quidley, D. H. Caldwell and L. Goodrich.

When the jury had been sworn in all the attorneys joined in the request that the case go over to 10 o'clock this morning in order that they might start in fresh with their evidence. Attorney Roche stated that he considered it would be Saturday night before the evidence would be all in.

Witnesses have been summoned on behalf of the plaintiff as follows: Mitchell Bilech, Sam Gaspednetch, Charles Thurman, Lee Jones, A. McDonald, J. S. Schelling, L. Hance, Warren Monroe, Willie Monroe, R. B. Monroehend, J. Robertson, J. W. Zibbell, Frank Brooks, C. F. Bailey, W. J. O'Neal, William Durfee, and Louis Bufano.

He Won't Sign Deed.
Mrs. Sarah A. Evans wants to sell her ranch of twenty-seven acres, near Selma, but her husband, William M. Evans, will not sign the deed. Wherefore another lawsuit is in the Superior court.

The couple, who are both elderly, and have grown children, have not been living together for eleven years. The ranch came to Mrs. Evans originally from her father, and her husband worked it and spent, he claims, \$700 of his money that was not community earnings in building the house. When Evans left his wife eleven years ago he made no claim on the ranch, leaving it to his wife and going to Selma, where he has been ever since.

Now Mrs. Evans has an advantageous offer to sell the place, but can not clear the title without her husband's signature. This he refuses to give without a settlement of his claims, while she will pay him nothing. Yesterday, through Attorney Ernest Klette, Evans answered his wife's suit to quiet title. Sutherland & Burdour are acting for the plaintiff.

Other Papers.
Mrs. Haman Gagnassin has brought suit, through Attorney A. M. Drew, against Harry and John Arskold to determine the title to some shares of stock in the Greener's scenery and distillery company of Yreka. This stock formerly belonged to her son, A. Gagnassin, and was levied upon by the company. He attempted to transfer the stock to his mother, but under an order of garnishment, the company refused to issue a new certificate to Mrs. Gagnassin.

Scott Manlove's final account and petition for distribution of the John N. Manlove estate have been set for hearing on December 31st.

The appointment of D. M. Akers, formerly a police officer, in this city, as a deputy sheriff, was filed.

THE GRIM REAPER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Dr. William Harrison Hipp, a member of the Illinois State board of Health and the City State and National Electric Medical societies, died today of pneumonia.

FORT BAYARD, N. M., Dec. 19.—William Hayward, former consul general at Seoul, Korea, died today at the government sanitarium of pulmonary tuberculosis. He came here one month ago, but his condition was hopeless. Mrs. Hayward arrived in time to be present at his death and returned to Washington today. The remains will follow later.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 19.—Professor W. W. Borden, a widely known capitalist, died at his home today at Borden, Ind., aged 83 years. He at one time conducted extensive mining operations in Colorado.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 19.—George A. Marsden, since 1889 assistant treasurer of the United States, in charge of the treasury at Boston, died here today, aged 67 years. He has been editor of the Boston Advertiser.

A Chair of Journalism.
COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of Missouri University today, it was voted to establish a chair of journalism in the university. The chair will be filled next September.

DISCUSSION OF STATE HARBORS

Fresno Delegates Back from San Diego.

Counties' Committee Meeting Will Be Held Here Next December.

William Robertson, M. F. Tarpey and Chester H. Howell, delegates from the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce to the semi-annual convention of the Counties' Committee of the California Promotion Committee, returned to this city from San Diego yesterday noon.

The subject discussed at the meeting was "The Harbors of California," and the delegates report that some valuable suggestions were brought out as to the best methods of advancing the interests of the state by improving and developing these gateways of commerce. They were greatly pleased with the attendance of the delegates at the gathering and the spirit of progress shown. One of the most important resolutions passed by the delegates was that recommending that the state provide \$25,000,000 for the purpose of improving the harbors of California, the money for carrying on the work to be raised either by taxation or by bonds.

Mr. Robertson gave the following interesting account of the proceedings of the convention:

"The convention held its main sessions on Saturday in the Hotel Coronado in San Diego. The matter of the necessity of securing from the federal and state governments larger appropriations for improving the harbors was advocated by Mr. Tarpey of this city, Rev. Lynch, secretary of the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce, and other speakers. Papers were read showing the commerce which passes through the principal harbors of this state and the bearing that the further opening up of harbors will have on the commercial advancement of the state as a whole. Among the able addresses was that of Mr. Tarpey, who spoke on 'The Value of the Harbors to the Farmer.' Mr. Tarpey treated the subject in a masterly manner, and emphasized the idea that while it was necessary to improve the harbors for carrying the produce of the country, it was also necessary to have the support of the railroads in developing the state to its fullest extent.

"At the convention held at Napa in June, 1905, President Locke of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce issued a cordial invitation to the Counties' Committee of the Promotion Committee to meet in this city in June, 1907, which was accepted by the convention. In the meantime the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce requested of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce that the latter forego the June convention, and accept the gathering for December, 1907. The directors of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce considered the idea a good one, as it would allow the Fresno body the opportunity to hold the large citrus fair which it is planning, and also entertain the semi-annual convention of the Counties' Committee. Secretary Lynch of the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce accordingly extended to the convention on Saturday an invitation to come to Petaluma in June, 1907, and representing the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce, I withdrew the claims of Fresno on condition that the convention pledge itself to meet in Fresno in December, 1907. This was unanimously agreed to by the delegates, and Fresno will accordingly have the honor of entertaining the Counties' Committee in December of next year.

"The convention passed a resolution recommending that the sum of \$25,000,000 be provided by the state for the purpose of improving the harbors of California, this sum to be raised either by taxation or by bonds. Saturday evening the banquet of the Counties' Committee was held at the Coronado hotel, and was an elaborate affair.

"Monday the delegates went on enjoyable excursions to Point Loma, to the Theosophists' Home, to La Jolla, a new watering place, to Pacific Beach, to Tinian in Old Mexico, to other points of interest near San Diego. In the evening George Kenning, the famous correspondent and travel writer, spoke in an interesting manner on 'Experience in Traveling Through Russia,' giving a detailed account of the conditions and customs in that country. Dr. Clarence Edwards, advertising manager of the Promotion Committee, gave an able lecture, illustrated by stereopticon views, on 'The Harbors of California.'

"The secretaries of the various chambers of commerce and boards of trade attending organized a secretaries' association during the convention. W. A. Charles of Riverside was elected president of the new association and Rev. A. Lynch of Petaluma was elected secretary. The purpose of the association is to exchange correspondence among the members with a view of obtaining ideas and methods for best publishing to the world the resources and other attractive features of California. The secretaries' association will meet in separate session at each semi-annual convention of the Counties' Committee of the California Promotion Committee."

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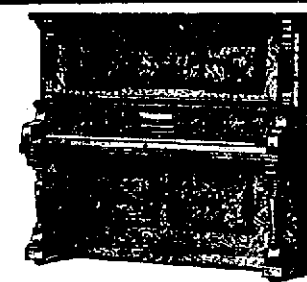
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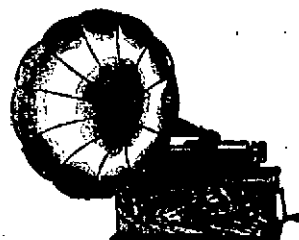
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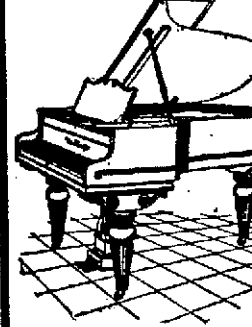
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DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF COMPANIES OF TWENTY-FIFTH INFANTRY WAS IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POWER—A BLACKER CRIME THAN THEY WERE GUILTY OF NEVER STAINED THE ANNALS OF THE ARMY—THOSE WHO SHIELDED THE CRIMINALS WERE ONLY A DEGREE LESS CRIMINAL—PRECEDENTS OF GENERALS GRANT AND LEE QUOTED—TAFI'S REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt today complied with the request of the senate in transmitting to that body a transcript of testimony and documents connected with the discharge of a battalion of negro troops of the Twenty-fifth infantry. The message was decidedly severe in its criticism of the soldiers said to be concerned in "shooting up" the town of Brownsville, Texas.

The message included a report from the secretary of war and several other documents and reports, including a letter of General Nettleton, recently published. The president says:

"I ordered the discharge of nearly all the members of the companies B, C and D of the Twenty-fifth infantry by name in the exercise of my constitutional power, and in pursuance of what, after full consideration, I find to be my constitutional duty as commander-in-chief of the United States army. I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity afforded by these resolutions to lay before the congress the following facts as to the murderous conduct of certain members of the companies in question and as to the conspiracy by which many of the other members of these companies saved the criminals from justice, to the disgrace of the United States uniform."

Report Relied Upon.

The message calls attention to the accompanying reports of Major A. P. Blockson, Lieutenant Colonel L. A. Lovering and Brigadier General Ernest A. Garlington, inspector general, and the president says an effort has been made to discredit the fairness of the investigation by pointing out that General Garlington is a Southerner.

"Precisely the same action would have been taken," says the president, "had the troops been white men. Indeed the discharge would probably have been made in more summary fashion."

Ohio Men Exposed Guilt.

The president states that General Garlington is a native of South Carolina, Lieutenant Colonel Lovering of New Hampshire and Major Blockson of Ohio. As it happens, he explains, the disclosure of the guilt of the troops was made by the officer from Ohio, and the efforts of the officer from South Carolina to shield the innocent men, if any such there were, by securing information which would enable the authorities to adequately punish the guilty. The president continues:

"But I wish it distinctly understood that the fact of the birthplace of either officer is one which I absolutely refuse to consider. The standard of professional honor and of loyalty to the flag and the service is the same for all officers and all enlisted men of the United States army, and I resent with the keenest indignation any effort to draw any line among them based upon birthplace, creed, or any other consideration of kind."

Blame on Both Sides.

Referring to the several official reports of the trouble at Brownsville, the president says there is a conflict of evidence as to whether the citizens of the colored troops were to blame for the feeling which culminated in the outbreak. The president adds:

"My impression is that, as a matter of fact, in these difficulties there was blame attached to both sides; but that is a wholly unimportant matter for our present purpose, as nothing that occurred offered in any shape, or in any way, any excuse or justification for the atrocious conduct of the troops when, in lawless and murderous spirit, and under cover of the night they made their attack upon the citizens."

Details of the Attack.

Referring to the midnight attack upon the people of Brownsville the president says that from nine to fifteen or twenty of the colored soldiers took part in it. He continues:

"They looted the stores from the barracks and hurried through the town. They shot at whomever they saw moving and they shot into houses where they saw lights. In some of these houses there were women and children, as the would-be murderers must have known. In one house in which there were two women and five children, some ten shots went through at a height of about four and one half feet above the floor, one putting out the lamp upon the table."

Police Evidence.

"The lieutenant of police of the town heard the firing and rode toward it. He met the raiders, who, as he stated, were about fifteen colored soldiers. They instantly started firing upon him. He turned and rode off and they continued firing upon him until they had killed his horse. They shot him through the right arm. (It was afterwards ascertained above the elbow.) A number of shots were also fired at two other policemen."

"The raiders fired several times into a hotel, some of the shots being aimed at a guest sitting by a window. They shot into a saloon killing the bartender and wounding another man. At the same time other raiders fired into another house where women and children were sleeping. Two of the shots going through the mosquito netting on the beds, on which children were lying. Others were struck by bullets."

Identification Impossible.

"It was at night and the streets of the town are poorly lighted, so that none of the individual raiders could be recognized, but the evidence of many witnesses of all classes was conclusive to the effect that the raiders were negro soldiers. The townspeople were completely surprised by the unprovoked and murderous savagery of the attack. The soldiers were the aggressors from start to finish."

Horrible Atrocity.

"They met with no substantial resistance, and one and all who took part in that raid stand as deliberate murderers; who did murder one man; who tried to murder others and who tried to murder women and children. The act was one of horrible atrocity."

and so far as I am aware, unparaleled for infantry in the annals of the United States army."

Responsibility of Officers.

The president says the white officers of the company were completely taken by surprise and that it was not until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning that any of them became aware of the truth. He has directed an investigation, he says, to see if any of them were blameworthy, and he has approved the recommendation of the war department that two of them be brought before a court-martial. He adds:

No Doubt of Guilt.

"As to the non-commissioned officers and enlisted men, there can be no doubt whatever that they were necessarily privy, after if not before the attack, to the conduct of those who took actual part in this murderous riot. There is no question as to the murder and the attempted murders; there is no question that some of the soldiers were guilty thereof; there is no question that many of these soldiers privy to the deed have combined to shelter the criminals from justice."

All Out or None.

"These comrades of the murderers by their own action have rendered it necessary either to have all the men, including the murderers, in the army, or to turn them all out; and under such circumstances there was no alternative, for the usefulness of the army would be at an end were we to permit such an outrage to be committed with impunity."

"In short, the evidence proves conclusively that a number of the soldiers engaged in a deliberate and concerted attack, as cold-blooded as it was cowardly; the purpose being to terrorize the community, and to kill or injure men, women and children in their homes and on the streets, at an hour of the night when concerted or effective resistance or defense was out of the question, and when detection by identification of the criminals in the United States uniform was well nigh impossible. So much for the original crime. A blacker never stained the annals of our army."

"It has been supplemented by another, only less black, in the shape of a successful conspiracy of silence for the purpose of shielding those who took part in the original conspiracy of murder."

Necessity of Discipline.

The president speaks at length of the necessity of maintaining discipline in the army, and training the soldier so that he shall be a protection and not a menace to his peaceful fellow citizens, and above all to the women and children of the nation. Unless this is done, he says the army becomes a more dangerous mob.

Many of the non-commissioned officers and men of these companies, he says, must have known circumstances which would have led to the conviction of those engaged in the murderous assault. "They have solidly and as one man," he says, "broken their oaths of enlistment and refused to help discover the criminals."

Deserving Least Sympathy.

The president at length discusses the efforts to induce those soldiers who may have been innocent to help bring the criminals to justice. He adds that the soldiers of longest service and highest position who suffered because of the order, so far from being those who deserve most sympathy, deserve least, for "they are the very men upon whom we should be able especially to rely to prevent mutiny and murder."

Precedents for Dismissal.

The president says there are plenty of precedents for the action taken, and calls attention to memoranda submitted by the war department. In general of the incidents cited every soldier in the army organizations involved volunteered evidence and testimony which resulted in the bringing to justice of their comrades guilty of crime, thus declining to identify themselves with the criminals.

The president continues:

"During the civil war, numerous precedents for the action taken by me occurred in the shape of summary discharge of regiments or companies because of misconduct on the part of some or all of their members. The Black Legion was summarily discharged on the ground that the regiment was disorganized, mutinous and worthless. The Eleventh New York was discharged by reason of general demoralization and numerous desertions. Three companies of the Fourth Missouri cavalry were mustered out of service of the United States without trial by court-martial because of the mutinous conduct and disaffection (an almost exact parallel to my action). Another Missouri regiment was mustered out of service because it was in a state bordering closely on mutiny. Other examples, including New Jersey, Maryland and other organizations are given in the enclosed papers."

General Grant's Example.

"I call your particular attention to the special field order of Brigadier General C. S. Grant, issued from the headquarters of the Thirtieth Army Corps on November 16, 1862, in reference to the Twenty-third Illinois. Members of this regiment had broken into a store and taken goods to the value of some \$12,000, and the rest of the regiment, including especially two officers, failed in the words of General Grant, to exercise their authority to ferret out the more guilty of the offenders."

"General Grant accordingly mustered out of the service of the United States the two officers and assessed the sum against the regiment, the officers as well as the men, to be assessed pro rata on their pay. This action is precisely similar to that I have taken; although the offense was, of course, trivial compared to the offense with which I had to deal."

General Lee's Action.

The president also cites an incident in which General Lee, when in command of the army of Northern Virginia, in 1864, disbanded a certain battalion for

conduct, stating at the same time his regret that there were some officers and men in the battalion who, although not deserving it, were obliged to share in the common disgrace because the good of the service demanded it.

The Race Issue.

The president concludes his message as follows:

"So much of the military side of the case. But I wish to say something additional, from the standpoint of the race question. In my message at the opening of congress I discussed the matter of lynching. In it I gave utterance to the abhorrence which all decent citizens should feel for the deeds of the men (in almost all cases white men) who take part in lynchings, and at the same time I condemned, as all decent men of any color should condemn, the action of these colored men who actively or passively shield the colored criminal from the law."

"In the case of these companies we have to deal with men who in the first place were guilty of what was practically the worst possible form of lynching—for a lynching is in its essence lawless and murderous vengeance taken by an armed mob for real or fancied wrongs—and who in the second place covered up the crime of lynching by standing with a vicious solidarity to protect the criminals."

Treat All on Worthy.

"Every far-sighted friend of the colored race in its efforts to strive upward and ahead, should teach first, as the most important lesson, alike to the white man and the black, the duty of treating the individual man strictly on his worth as he shows it. Any conduct by colored people which tends to substitute for this rule the rule of standing by and shielding an evil-doer because he is a member of their race, means the inevitable degradation of the colored race. It may, and probably does mean, damage to the white race, but it means ruin to the black race."

His Consistent Policy.

"Throughout my term of service in the presidency, I have acted on the principle thus advocated. In the North as in the South, I have appointed colored men of high character to office, utterly disregarding the protests of those who would have kept them out of office because they were colored men. As far as was in my power, I have sought to secure for the colored people all their rights under the law. I have done all I could to secure them equal schooling when young, equal opportunity to earn their livelihood, and to achieve their happiness when old."

"I have sternly rebuked up to me people who have used the hands of those who, like Judge Jones and Judge Speer, have warred against this people because I would hold myself unfit to be president if I did not feel the same revolt at a wrong done a colored as I feel a wrong done a white man. I have condemned in unstinted terms the crime of lynching perpetrated by white men, and I should take instant advantage of any opportunity whereby I could bring to justice a mob of lynchmen."

"In precisely the same spirit, I have now acted with reference to these colored men who have been guilty of a black and dastardly crime. In one policy, as in the other, I do not claim as a favor, but I challenge as a right, the support of every citizen of this country, whatever his color, provided only he has in him the spirit of genuine and far-sighted patriotism."

(Signed)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

"The White House, Dec. 19, 1906."

TAFI'S REPORT.

In the report to the president on the several senate resolutions of inquiry, Secretary Taft enters into an exhaustive discussion of the law and the evidence in the case. He quoted the authority for the president's action and with regard to the new evidence presented says he has examined it with care and that he does not find anything contained in it which should lead to a different conclusion of fact from that already stated in his annual report.

As to the Affidavits.

"The affidavits," he says, "contain in substance the same denials of complicity or knowledge by the enlisted men that were made to the inspecting officers, together with evidence intended to show that there was an opportunity for persons in the battalion to disguise themselves in the cast off uniforms of the enlisted men and to secure empty cartridge shells and throw them on the streets of the town."

The suggestion, he declares, is so grotesque in its improbability and absurdity as hardly to call for discussion or comment.

Authorities Quoted.

After stating that it is not the practice of the inspector general in making investigations into "questions of fact to set out all evidence in sworn affidavits or depositions," Secretary Taft quotes from the fourth article of war, which he states contains the statutory direction in respect to the discharge of soldiers.

"The regulations adopted by the president in carrying out this statutory plan, as well as extracts from various decisions given by the judge advocates of the army bearing on the discharge without honor, also, are quoted, the secretary adding:

"From the citations above given it follows that one enlisting in the army is advised, first, that the president has the right at will to terminate the contract of enlistment; second, that when the contract of enlistment is terminated at will the president may properly show on the discharge that the service which has been rendered has not been such as to warrant re-enlistment, and therefore is not to be regarded as honest and faithful, permitting re-enlistment under the statute."

Limit of the Action.

In answer to the contention which the secretary says has been put forth that the president had no power to make the order of discharge "because if he had he may discharge the army," it

is argued that there is a clear distinction between disbanding a company, a battalion or a regiment, and the discharge of certain of its members. In the case of the men of the Twenty-fifth infantry the secretary says the order named the persons who were discharged and did not embrace all members of the three companies and that immediately upon discharge of the men an order was issued filling up the three companies by transfer from the other companies of the regiment, so that the unity and service of the companies are continued in the army.

A Different Case.

Secretary Taft instances a case where some men of the Fourth cavalry "roused passion and violence by killing of one of their number, lynching the person charged with the crime."

In that case, he says, the judge advocates maintained that there was no evidence to fix the responsibility for the act and that the secretary of war, strictly speaking, had no authority to discharge the companies involved, as such. He held further that "he may indeed discharge all the men of such companies, enlisting others in their stead, but this would be treating innocent and guilty alike and the discharge would be, in law, honorable and in the case of the guilty would be a premium on crime."

New Regulations.

It is stated that, since the decision referred to, the practice has been put into force by regulation of issuing discharges without honor in which there can be no re-enlistment without executive permission.

In conclusion, however, Secretary Taft declares that "there is nothing in this precedent which in the slightest degree affects the legality of the present order, for the principle upon which the decision rests recognizes fully the power of the president to discharge any member of an organization."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The question whether the senate should make an independent investigation of the Brownsville raid was raised in the senate by Senator Foraker today immediately after the reading of the president's message. He offered a resolution giving the committee on military affairs authority to make such an investigation, if deemed necessary after consideration of the information furnished by the president.

Further consideration of the question was postponed until tomorrow.

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